

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of: John Thomas Welder

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For: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR MINIMAL DISRUPTION  
DURING SOFTWARE UPGRADE OR RELOAD OF A  
NETWORK DEVICE

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**Response to Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment**

Responsive to the Notices of Non-Compliant Amendment dated November 30, 2009 and December 22, 2009 Applicant submits the following.

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